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Sir:

Prior to examination of the Request for Continued Examination filed on August 14, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 5 of this paper.